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…ll for paynes of death against
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Forasmuche as the kynges Maiestie hath of late for the repressyng of vnlawfull cōmocions, and suche like enormities directed his seuerall Commissions with large instructions for the same into euery his countries, not only authorizyng his Commissioners, to represse and reforme all maner of thynges so farforth as the lawes, could any wise be construed or expounded, but also by speciall his Maiesties letters missiue hath charged the same Commissioners vpon great payne in the same letters contayned to represse amōgst their owne proper faultes; which Cōmissions be now part in execution and part redy to be executed, and delayed onely by the folly of the people, refusyng their owne represse vnlawfully: So that no subiect can any more requisite of any prince, then he his Maiestie his said vncle protector hath been diuerse, ordered and cōmaunded. Yet neuertheles his Maiestie vnderstādeth, that diuers of his subiectes, neither considerynge how they be ordained by God to be subiectes and obey, neither regardyng their soueraigne lordes most cruell good will and zeale, whiche he beareth vnto them declareth to his cōmon welth, neither hauyng in remembraunce, what distruccion it is to themselues, to trouble & vnquiet the state of the cōmon welth, thereby impouerishyng themselues, weakenyng the realme and bredyng seditions & cōtynuall vexacion betwixt one subiect and another, do attempt and practise to assemble and frame themselues, from place to place, to make assemblies, riotes, conuenticions, routes, and vprores, and by them so vnlawfully made, presume to doo and attempt, that whiche ought only to be done, by the authoritie of the kyng & his graces lawes: yea and in many poinctes according to the euil disposicion of their assemblies, attempt both violence and fury, suche vnlawful thynges as be extremely forbidden by all iustice and lawe, and to be abhorred of any good Christian. For the whiche causes his Maiestie neither of good wille and loue, neither for the estate and sauegard of his highnes realme wil or may endure his subiectes so to offend without paynefull punishement & correccion, But as a prince raignyng by almyghty goddes prouidence, feareth almyghty, and in iustice terrible, by the aduise of his said derre vncle & lord Protector and the rest of his graces priuey counsayl, straightly chargeth, and with the thretenyng of his sword, cōmaundeth al maner his subiectes of what degre, condicō, kynde or estate soeuer he or they be to departe, returne and resorte fourthwith vpon this proclamacion proclaymed, from al maner their vnlawful assemblies, routes and vprores, and quietly and in peace, to take and vse their Maiesties ordre and direccion, the redresse of their wronges whatsoeuer they be. And that also no maner of subiect, of what degre, condicion, kynde or estate soeuer he or they be, shall from henceforth by drumme, tabret, pype, or any other instrument, ringyng & soundyng, bell or belles ryngyng, open cryyng, posting, ryding, runnyng or by any newes, tumors and tales muttering, diuulgyng, and spredyng, or by any other meanes, deuise or tokens whatsoeuer the same shal happe to be, call, gather, assemble, congregate and muster, or attempte and practise to gather, assemble, congregate & muster, any nombre of people whatsoeuer they be, either to pluck downe any hedge, pale fence, wal, or any maner of enclosure, or to hunt, hall, spoyle, deuastate or deface any parke, chace, warre, house, lodge, ponde, waters or any other vnlawfull act, which is forbidde or to represse any thyng which shal and may be by the force of the kynges maiesties Commission, reformed, repressed and withstoode, vpon payne of death presently to be suffered and executed, by the authoritie & order of lawe of armes, wherein no delay or differryng of tyme shalbe permitted or suffered, as in other causes hapyng in deede of lesse importaūce it is accustomed. And therfore his maiestie most straightly chargeth and commaundeth all maner his Shiriefes, Iusticesmaisters and officers, vpon the knowlege of any offendors against the tenor of this proclamation, forthwith without expedicion and with suche power as thereto shalbe requisite to apprehende and attache the same offendor, and him to committe to warde, and therupon vndelayed to certifie the lord Protector and the rest of the Counsaill or any of them, to whome moste spedy ordre may be geuen for the execucion of the offendor, with suche hast and expedicion as is aboue mencioned. Dated at Westminster the xvi. Day of July, the third yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the vi.

God saue the kyng.